

Application No. 10/619,818  
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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, lines 8-13 with the following paragraph:

A more detailed view of the transparent plate 60 and support legs 62 is shown in Fig. 5. The transparent plate 60 may be provided by glass, clear polycarbonate, clear polymethyl ~~methacrylate~~ ~~methacrylate~~, cyclic olefin polymer, or quartz. A particularly preferred material for the transparent plate is glass. The transparent plate 60 preferably has a thickness ranging from about 8 to about 12 millimeters for glass and from about 18 to about 25 millimeters for polymeric or plastic materials.

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, line 29 to page 10, line 4 with the following paragraph:

An opposite surface 68 of the transparent plate 60 is preferably coated with a release coating material 70 such as silicone, siloxane, parylene, or fluoropolymer coating materials. A particularly preferred coating material is a fluoropolymer coating material available from the E. I. DuPont Company under the trade name TEFLON. The release coating material 70 is preferably substantially transparent to laser beam radiation in the near infrared spectrum, most preferably having a laser beam transmission rate of at least about 80 % at wavelengths ranging from about 750 to about 1200 nanometers.